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Resolution Adopted by the State Board of Education

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The State Board of Education (SBE) reconfirms strong support for a robust standards-based system, the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) and competitive graduation requirements.

Therefore, the SBE affirms continued implementation of the existing WASL graduation requirements for reading and writing and recommends based on its November 28, 2006, and January 9, 2007, meetings that mathematics be adjusted to include additional coursework for the Classes of 2008, 2009 and 2010.

The SBE is acutely aware of the need for major improvements in the K-12 system. To that end, the Board is working on the following system issues:

- Implement the Joint Mathematics Action Plan with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Professional Educator Standards Board aimed at boosting student mathematics achievement
- Develop comprehensive recommendations for improved system performance and accountability
- Review and recommend changes for a meaningful high school diploma for Washington State high school graduates

We respectfully request continued support of our common mission to improve student learning by retaining a standards-based assessment system linked to graduation requirements.